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Security Council tasks under Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

1. The present note sets forth practical arrangements and procedures for the Security Council for carrying out tasks related to the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015), particularly with respect to the provisions specified in paragraphs 2 to 7 of annex B to that resolution.

2. The Security Council shall take any necessary action to support and improve the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015), including:

(a) Monitoring the implementation of the resolution;

(b) Taking action, as appropriate, to improve the implementation by Member States of the resolution;

(c) Answering enquiries from Member States and international organizations regarding the implementation of the resolution;

(d) Responding appropriately to information regarding alleged actions inconsistent with the resolution;

(e) Undertaking outreach activities to promote proper implementation of the resolution, including the provision of practical guidance;

(f) Reviewing and deciding on proposals made by Member States pursuant to paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 (b) of annex B to the resolution, including the review of recommendations from the Joint Commission regarding proposals by Member States and international organizations to participate in or permit the activities set forth in paragraph 2 of annex B to the resolution and section 6 of annex IV to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (i.e., the procurement channel functions);

(g) Granting exemptions to the restrictions, as specified in the resolution.

Practical arrangements

3. To facilitate its work under resolution 2231 (2015), the Security Council shall select on an annual basis one member to serve as its facilitator for the functions specified in the present note. The facilitator shall brief the other members of the Council on its work and the implementation of the resolution every six months, in parallel with the report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 7 below.

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4. In normal circumstances, the Security Council shall convene informal meetings at the expert level to carry out the functions specified in the present note.

5. Also in normal circumstances, the Security Council shall seek to make decisions related to the functions specified in the present note by consensus and under a no-objection procedure, with a deadline of at least five working days, without prejudice to the possibility of voting pursuant to the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Secretariat

6. The Security Council requests that the Secretary-General appoint the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs as a point of contact in the Secretariat and to support the work of the Security Council and of its facilitator on those issues. The point of contact shall:

(a) Assist the facilitator in the organization and staffing of informal meetings of the Security Council related to the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015);

(b) Manage all incoming and outgoing communications related to implementation of the resolution and assist the facilitator in corresponding with Member States on behalf of the Security Council;

(c) Draft correspondence, speaking notes and briefings of the facilitator related to the implementation of the resolution;

(d) Maintain and archive all information and documents relating to the Security Council's work related to the implementation of the resolution;

(e) Maintain and promote publicly available information on the restrictions imposed by the Security Council, including through the Council's website and outreach activities;

(f) Provide administrative support for the Security Council's review of recommendations from the Joint Commission, including:

(i) Receiving proposals from Member States seeking to engage in nuclear-related activities or transfers;

(ii) Responding to queries from Member States about the procedures for the submission of a proposal to the Security Council and the process for review;

(iii) Circulating immediately to the Joint Commission Coordinator and the members of the Security Council incoming proposals and transmitting recommendations from the Joint Commission to the members of the Council and final decisions of the Council to the relevant Member States;

(iv) Receiving any other communications from the Joint Commission and transmitting them to the members of the Security Council, and transmitting any relevant communications from the Security Council to the Joint Commission;

(g) Perform any other task, upon request from the Security Council, to support the implementation of the resolution.

7. The Security Council requests that the Secretary-General report to the Security Council every six months on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015). Prior to the public release of that report, the Security Council shall meet informally, normally

at the expert level, to review the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

Procurement channel approval

8. The Security Council shall review and take action on proposals by Member States and international organizations to participate in or permit activities set forth in paragraph 2 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) and paragraph 6 of annex IV to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. The process shall be as follows:

(a) Member States shall submit proposals directly to the Security Council;

(b) The Security Council shall immediately forward such proposals to the Joint Commission Coordinator for the Joint Commission's review;

(c) The Joint Commission, following the procedures specified in annex IV to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as well as any further procedure developed by consensus, shall provide a recommendation to the Security Council;

(d) After five working days following receipt by the Security Council of such a recommendation, that recommendation shall be deemed to be approved by the Council unless the Council has adopted a resolution to reject it;

(e) The Security Council shall notify the proposing State of its decision.

9. Once the Security Council receives a recommendation from the Joint Commission, any Council member may request a vote of the Council to reject that recommendation. If a vote is requested, then the Council member requesting the vote should explain why it believes that the recommendation should be rejected. The member may also request an informal meeting of the Council to discuss the matter further. Any resolution to reject a recommendation from the Joint Commission must be adopted within five working days following receipt of the recommendation, or else the recommendation shall be deemed to be approved.

10. The Security Council shall strive to take other actions related to the present functions, including responding to enquiries, providing guidance and examining and taking appropriate action on information regarding alleged actions inconsistent with the relevant restrictions, by consensus.

11. The members of the Security Council shall treat as confidential documents created by, transmitted to or sent from the Council under the present arrangements and procedures.

12. Communications submitted to the Security Council under the procedure specified in paragraph 9 of the present note shall not be considered as official documents of the Council.

13. The Security Council shall coordinate closely with the Joint Commission on all tasks of the Council related to the nuclear-related restrictions imposed in resolution 2231 (2015). The Council further notes that exporting States are requested to cooperate with the Joint Commission in accordance with annex IV of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.